

NOTE ON *ANAS ARCUATA* HORSFIELD.

Matthews (Nov. Zool., 18, 1911, 9) has rejected *Anas arcuata* Horsfield, because Horsfield (Zool. Research. Java, 1824, pl. 64) only intended to rename or rather use what he considered an earlier MS. name of Cuvier for the bird he had previously described as *Anas javanica* (Tr. Zool. Soc. Lond., 13, 1921, 199). Horsfield defeated his purpose, however, when he published a named plate and diagnosis of an entirely different species and Salvadori (Cat. Birds Br. Mus., 27, 1895, 153) was correct in accepting Horsfield's name, founded upon the plate alone, even if the diagnosis should prove to be an entirely different species, but I can not see that it is. Ornithologists can continue to use *Dendrocygna arcuata* (Horsfield) until better reasons can be advanced than those brought forward by Matthews or more recently by Dr. Oberholser (Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., 34, 1921, 166).  
—J. H. Riley.

## NEW NAMES FOR THREE NORTH AMERICAN ASTERACEAE.

The name *Bidens involucrata* has been in use for some years for a species of beggar-tick of the central United States. As this name is preoccupied, the species may be renamed *Bidens polylepis*, in reference to the numerous outer phyllaries. The names of two species of *Erigeron* of the Western United States, being preoccupied, must also be changed. The synonymy of these plants is as follows:

**Erigeron nevadineola** Blake, nom. nov.

*Erigeron nevadense* A. Gray, Proc. Amer. Acad. 8: 649. 1873. Not *E. nevadense* Wedd. Chlor. And. 1: 194. 1857.

**Erigeron compactus** Blake, nom. nov.

*Erigeron pulvinatus* Rydb. Fl. Rocky Mts. 911. 1917. Not *E. pulvinatum* Wedd. Chlor. And. 1: 194. Pl. 33, f. B. 1857.

**Bidens polylepis** Blake, nom. nov.

*Coreopsis involucrata* Nutt. Journ. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila. 7: 74. 1834.

*Diodonta involucrata* Nutt. Trans. Amer. Phil. Soc. n. ser. 7: 361. 1841.

*Bidens involucrata* Britton, Bull. Torrey Club 20: 281. 1893. Not *B. involucratus* Phil. Anal. Mus. Nac. Chile Bot. 1891: 49. 1891.

—S. F. Blake.

## CHANGE OF NAME.

Mr. Gerrit S. Miller, Jr., has kindly called my attention to the fact that the name *neglectus* given by me<sup>1</sup> to a race of the *Microtus californicus* group of meadow mice, was preoccupied by *Arvicola neglectus* [= *Microtus agrestis neglectus*] of Jenyns<sup>2</sup>, a meadow mouse inhabiting northern Scotland. The subspecies must therefore be renamed, and may stand as *Microtus californicus sanctidiegi*.  
—Remington Kellogg.

<sup>1</sup>Kellogg, R., Univ. Calif. Publ. in Zool., vol. 21, No. 1, p. 31. 1918.

<sup>2</sup>Jenyns, L., Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. (1), vol. 7, No. 44, p. 270, June, 1841.